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Former Accounting Clerk with YMCA of Metropolitan Washington Sentenced to Two Years in Prison and Ordered to Pay \$142,742.86 in Restitution for Role in Scheme to Cash Forged YMCA Checks

WASHINGTON – Eric Sean Curry, Jr., 28, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, was sentenced today in connection with a scheme to cash forged checks that were stolen from the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington ("YMCA"), Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced. As part of Curry's sentence, the Honorable Richard J. Leon, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, ordered that Curry serve 24 months in prison, perform 600 hours of community service upon release, and pay \$142,742.86 in restitution to the YMCA.

On September 14, 2009, Curry pleaded guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud. According to the government's evidence, in 2007, Curry was employed as an accounting clerk in the finance office of the YMCA. Between October 2007 and January 2008, Curry used the YMCA's signature stamp without authorization to forge the signature of a YMCA official on 33 stolen YMCA checks. The collective amount of the checks was \$142,742.86. Curry then caused those checks to be distributed to 14 individuals, who were friends and associates of Curry and were not entitled to any money from the YMCA. Many of the check recipients agreed to return a portion of the proceeds of the checks – as much as half of the proceeds – to Curry. The forged YMCA checks were cashed at local branches of Wachovia Bank, an FDIC-insured institution, where the YMCA had an account.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended the outstanding investigative work of former Criminal Investigator Diane Eickman. He also praised the efforts of Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Johnson, who prosecuted the case.

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